

## Solid Waste Advisory Committee

January 6, 2009; 4:15PM  
General Services Department  
Combined Operations and Maintenance Facility  
311 North State Street

### Draft Meeting Minutes

Present: Councilor Keith Nyhan, Chair, Councilor Dick Lemieux, Councilor Bill Stetson, Councilor Liz Blanchard, Greg Banks, Melanie Doiron, Paula Mattis, Mike Russell.

Staff: Tom Aspell, Chip Chesley, Bob McManus, Vanessa Ghiden, Pat Winn, Jim Howard.

Excused: Councilor Fred Keach, Councilor Rob Werner, and Jeff Myers.

### **General**

The meeting was convened at 4:15 PM by Councilor Nyhan. Councilor Nyhan noted there was a quorum and that Councilor Keach had sent his decision.

### **Review and Approval of Minutes of December 30th**

The minutes of December 30th were reviewed. Councilor Lemieux moved to approve the minutes; Councilor Stetson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

### **Other Meetings Scheduled**

Chip told the group about other meetings scheduled. On January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM there is a meeting with the Conservation Commission. On January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00PM Peter Daly wants to host a meeting at Shaker Road School. Staff will make a presentation and Chip invited any committee members that are able to come. The group acknowledged that the more education the better the outcome. West Street Ward house was going over the basics.

### **General Feedback from the Public Forum**

Councilor Nyhan expressed concern that the presentation at the forum was not the best given by the group. He felt better about the radio and CCTV presentations. Chip noted that Ted Siegler of DSM and John Craig of Phoenix Bags said the forum was the best they had been to when compared to other towns and cities. Tom Aspell said he felt comfortable that residents at the forum were not intimidated. Mike Russell said he thought the Mayor's presentation was

helpful and that Melanie's suggestion of writing the questions on the cards took the emotion out of the forum. Greg Banks said he thought the forum went well and the presentation made it click. It showed how we would roll it out step by step and how the group looked at everything. The group noted that at the public hearing Jim Howard should do the financial piece; the Mayor may not want to be the face. Tom Aspell noted that there were fewer questions about the numbers and more practical aspects. "How will this affect me?"

Councilor Nyhan noted the generous offer of grant money from NH the Beautiful for low income. Staff will follow up on the offer. He also reminded everyone that education is important since some residents are confused how the model works. An owner of a multifamily wondered how he would hand out bags each week to the residents in his building.

Councilor Nyhan asked the group if there was anything from the forum that causes a member to want to change the group's recommendation.

The group started to flesh out the yard waste program. How will it work? Can we vacuum leaves? What about charging for vacuum leaves? Chip told the group that Dan Gelinas will allow residents to bring in yard waste at no cost to Ft Eddy. The discussion continued about whether the vacuuming could be done by the private sector as well. Chip noted the cost of vacuuming leaves was about \$140,000 3 years ago (\$150,000 in FY09 dollars). Councilor Blanchard asked about what happens to the leaves that get left now. Chip explained residents can currently put them in plastic bags for the trash collection contractor to pick up or put them in paper bags to be collected during the spring yard waste program. The group resolves to figure out the yard waste program requirements before the public hearing in February.

Before Councilors Lemieux and Stetson leave for another meeting, Councilor Nyhan takes a vote. He asked each member did he/she want to recommend PAYT with weekly recycling and continued curbside collection of leaf and yard waste. Each member present voted yes to the recommendation. Councilor Keach voted in absentia. Chip will write up the report recommendation and will meet with Councilor Nyhan and anyone else that is able to meet on Friday afternoon. Drafts will be emailed to committee members.

A meeting date was not set but will be set before the public hearing in February.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.